

2006 Code of Hunting Ethics

USDA-ARS Northern Great Plains Research Laboratory

The North Dakota Governor has proclaimed an Experimental Wild Turkey Hunting Season at the USDA-ARS Northern Great Plains Research Laboratory (NGPRL) to reduce and manage population numbers.

Thirty hunters will be allowed to hunt Wild Turkeys on property owned and/or controlled by NGPRL. Ten hunters will be allowed on one only of three weekends. These weekends (October 13-15, October 27-29 and November 17-19) will be selected by random lottery on August 18, 2006.

This hunt will conform to the stipulations of the North Dakota 2006 Wild Turkey Hunting Proclamation. Hunters should refer to the 2006 Wild Turkey Hunting Guide for more details. Any authorized hunting weapon may be used.

Successful applicants for this hunt must sign acceptance of this 'Code of Ethics' and purchase this special license from the North Dakota Game & Fish Headquarters (100 North Expressway, Bismarck ND 58504).

Each selected hunter will be allowed to hunt from 5 PM Friday to ½ hour past sundown on Sunday if the North Dakota Game and Fish Department proclamation allows.

Application Deadline is 5 PM CDT, Friday, August 18, 2006. Only hunters selected in a random lottery from names submitted on the NGPRL website (<http://www.mandan.ars.usda.gov>) will be approved for hunting access to NGPRL owned and/or managed lands during the dates and times specified.

NGPRL Wild Turkey Hunting Licenses not picked up (or arrangements made for) by September 30, 2006 will be void. Unsuccessful lottery applicants will have first option for unclaimed licenses. Remaining licenses may be offered to participating hunters.

Scouting for game is permitted after 5 PM on weekdays and all-day on weekends (and federal holidays). No weapons are permitted during scouting.

Wild Turkey hunters will be allowed access to the NGPRL campus and owned and/or managed lands surrounding only. NGPRL authorized Antlerless deer archery hunters have been given access to non-adjacent lands for hunting while Wild Turkey hunting is ongoing on or near the main campus.

Special arrangements may be made available for handicapped hunter access. Please contact Cal Thorson @ 701.667.3018 (O) – 701.527.3795 (C) - 701.223.9169 (H) if required.

Hunters are personally responsible for security and safety of all possessions and shall hold the U.S. Government; its agencies, and employees harmless in the event of personal injury, and/or property loss or damage.

Applicants will receive vehicle parking permits and federal access guidelines upon completing forms at the North Dakota Game & Fish Department Headquarters. A 'NGPRL Parking Permit' shall be prominently exhibited in the vehicle front window while on campus. Vehicles on the NGPRL campus not exhibiting a valid permit may be towed at the owner's expense.

Each hunter will annotate their onsite or offsite situation on their 'Status Sheet' which is to remain in the 'Hunter Sign In' mail box located to the west of Building 1. One sheet per weekend is acceptable. Photocopies are acceptable. Please also annotate the 'Hunter Sign In' when and where game is harvested.

Hunters shall not drive vehicles off established roads and must park in established parking lots.

Walk-in hunting only – ATVs shall not be permitted.

No smoking and/or open fires are permitted on NGPRL owned and/or controlled property.

No alcohol is permitted on federal property.

Harm to public buildings or property in any way may result in immediate and permanent termination of hunting privileges.

This hunt is justified for the reduction of animal population numbers and destructive behavior. Questions or comments may be directed to NGPRL Technical Information Specialist, Cal Thorson @ 701.667.3018 (O) – 701.527.3795 (C) - 701.223.9169 (H).

Although there are currently significant populations of Wild Turkeys on or near the NGPRL campus, no guarantee is made of game availability in-season.

NGPRL retains all rights to modify or terminate this activity at any time for any justifiable reason.

I accept the 2006 Code of Hunting Ethics. I agree to abide by all hunter safety guidelines and ensure safety during this activity.

Signed:

_____ (printed) _____